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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by: (KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS THROUGH THE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WAIVER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2007) The Commissioner of Social
- 2 Services shall amend the state Medicaid plan to implement the
- 3 provisions of Section 6062(a) of the federal Family Opportunity Act,
- 4 enacted as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, to allow families
- 5 of children with special health care needs to purchase Medicaid
- 6 coverage. The provision shall allow a family with a disabled child
- 7 under nineteen years of age, but whose income is above the standard
- 8 for Social Security income payments as determined under Title XVI of
- 9 the Social Security Act, to purchase Medicaid coverage through the
- 10 state Medicaid plan regardless of income based upon a uniform sliding
- 11 scale premium. Any medical assistance provided to a child whose
- 12 family income exceeds three hundred per cent of the federal poverty
- 13 level shall be paid by state funds.
- 14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2007) The Department of Social

15 Services shall apply for a waiver from the State Children's Health 16 Insurance Program (SCHIP), under Section 1115 of the Social Security 17 Act, 42 USC 1315, as amended from time to time, to provide funding 18 for supports and services to children with special health care needs in 19 home and community settings. The Department of Social Services shall 20 seek such waiver to expand services available under the HUSKY Plus 21 supplemental benefits package and to extend HUSKY Plus 22 supplemental benefits regardless of income through a buy-in premium 23 based option.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	New section

KID Joint Favorable C/R